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The Homecoming

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HOME COMING!

HIS NAME WAS LANCELOT CARTER; AN ASSUMED NAME, FOR HE WAS AN AMNESIA VICTIM! HIS ENTIRE PAST WAS A COMPLETE BLANK. FIVE YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE THAT DAY HE HAD ARRIVED IN TAMPA FLORIDA—

AND I STILL CAN'T REMEMBER A THING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THAT!



HIS FIANCEE, RHODA TOMPSON, TRIED TO PERSUADE HIM TO JOIN HER ON A YACHTING CRUISE TO THE ISLAND OF HAITI! AT FIRST HE WAS RELUCTANT—

PLEASE COME WITH US, LANCE, IT'LL DO YOU GOOD!



WELL, I --- OH, VERY WELL, RHODA, I'LL GO!



AND THUS THE VOYAGE WAS BEGUN. THE TRIP WAS MADE WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT ALMOST FROM THE BEGINNING, LANCE HAD REGRETS FOR HIS HASTY DECISION—

I DON'T KNOW WHY I FEEL THIS WAY, BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME!



AND THE MOMENT THEY DOCKED UPON THE FORBIDDING ISLAND, HIS HAUNTING CONVICTIONS WERE STRENGTHENED--

I DON'T LIKE IT, RHODA! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE THAT'S FRAUGHT WITH DANGER!



AND AS THE PARTY CAME ON SHORE--

RHODA, I'M CERTAIN I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN! IT'S PART OF MY LOST PAST!

PERHAPS WHEN YOU WERE IN THE ARMY--



THEY HELD A SWIMMING PARTY AT A NEAR BY LAGOON--

YOU'RE NOT SWIMMING, LANCE! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE IN ANOTHER OF YOUR BLUE FUNKS?

I'LL BE IN, IN A MOMENT, RHODA!



THAT NIGHT, AS THE WOODOO DRUMS BEGAN TO THROB LANCE CARTER FACED HIS CABIN FLOOR LIKE A CAGED BEAST--

THEY'RE CALLING TO ME, JUST AS THEY DID IN THE PAST!--IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER!



LOUDER AND LOUDER THE DRUMS CONTINUED THEIR INCES-SANT BEATING, UNTIL HIS BRAIN BEGAN TO REEL BENEATH THEIR SPELL

CALLING TO ME! CALLING FROM OUT OF THE PAST! I MUST GO TO THEM, I CAN'T RESIST!



HE STEPPED FROM THE CABIN AND WALKED TOWARD THE JUNGLE AS ONE IN A TRANCE. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FOREST, HE THOUGHT HE SAW A HORDE OF DEMONIAL CREATURES, BECKONING TO HIM--



RHODA OBSERVED HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE CABIN AND STARTED AFTER HIM--

LANCE, COME BACK!



I-I'VE GOT TO GO TO THEM, RHODA, THEY ARE WAITING FOR ME, THERE, AT THE EDGE OF THE JUNGLE!

THERE'S NO ONE THERE, LANCE!

GOOD HEAVENS, HE MUST BE DELIRIOUS!

THEY ARE THERE! I MUST GO TO THEM! I WON'T LET YOU STOP ME!

NO, LANCE, DON'T! FRANK! MACK! HELP ME!

IN RESPONSE TO THE GIRL'S SCREAMS, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY RUSHED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CABINS AND SUBDUED HIM WITH FORCEFUL METHODS!

HE'S GONE BERSERK!

THE BLOW WAS A POWERFUL ONE; IT WAS NEARLY DAWN BEFORE HE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS-----

OH, MY HEAD! IT WAS ---WHAT HIT ME? MACK, HE HAD TO DO IT!

THEN THE MEMORY OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT RETURNED TO HIM, AND HE TREMBLED WITH FEAR. HE NEARLY WEPT LIKE A FRIGHTENED CHILD AS HE CLUNG TO THE GIRL----

IT WAS TERRIBLE, WE CAN'T LEAVE YET! THE BOAT IS UNDERGOING REPAIRS! WE HAVE TO REMAIN HERE AT LEAST ONE MORE DAY!

RHODA! I-I COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF! I HAD TO GO TO THEM! PLEASE, DARLING, LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE, RIGHT AWAY!

THEN STAY WITH ME TONIGHT, RHODA! IF I SHOULD AGAIN GET THE URGE TO LEAVE, DON'T LET ME DO IT, PLEASE! KNOCK ME OUT IF YOU MUST, OR TIE ME UP, BUT DON'T LET ME GO! MY SANITY IS AT STAKE!

WHAT IS IT, LANCE? WHAT DO YOU FEAR?

I-I FEAR THEM! THE AWFUL CREATURES THAT INFEST THAT FOREST! PERHAPS YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, BUT THEY ARE OUT THERE, WAITING FOR ME!

THE GIRL DID NOT UNDERSTAND, SHE THOUGHT LANCE WAS LOSING HIS REASON, AND IN THIS, SHE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FAR FROM THE TRUTH, BUT SHE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THE TERRIBLE EVENTS YET TO COME. AS THE SHADES OF NIGHT ENVELOPED THE ISLAND, THE VODOO DRUMS ONCE MORE BEGAN TO THROB----

BOOM
BA BA
BOOM
BOOM

LANCE KNEW THAT THE DRUMS WERE THE SIGNAL WHICH WERE EVEN NOW ENTICING THE CREATURES OF DARKNESS TO COME FROM THEIR UNKNOWN LAIRS, TO WAIT AT THE FOREST'S EDGE FOR HIM TO APPEAR...



AND IN HIS CABIN, HE TRIED DESPERATELY TO QUELL THE MOUNTING COMPULSIONS WHICH AGAIN SWEEPED OVER HIM...

PLEASE, LANCE, DON'T GIVE IN TO IT! THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO FEAR; IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND!

THEY'RE OUT THERE! I KNOW THEY ARE! I CAN FEEL THEIR PRESENCE! THEY'RE CALLING TO ME AGAIN!



BOOM
BOOM

HELP ME, RHODA! IT'S GETTING ME! WAVE AFTER WAVE, ROLLING OVER ME! I CAN'T FIGHT IT! MY STRENGTH TO RESIST IS GONE! --DON'T LET ME GO TO THEM, PLEASE!

BOOM
BA BA
BOOM
BOOM

LANCE, YOU FRIGHTEN ME WHEN YOU TALK LIKE THIS! TRY TO RELAX, DARLING! REMEMBER, EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT!



SUDDENLY, HIS BODY BECAME RIGID. HE STEPPED TOWARD THE DOOR. RHODA TRIED TO RESTRAIN HIM, BUT HE FLUNG HER ASIDE LIKE A LIMP RAG.

LANCE, COME BACK! YOU CAN'T GET OUT! I LOCKED THE DOOR!

GOT TO GO TO THEM!



WITH A STRENGTH BORDERING UPON THE SUPER HUMAN, LANCE CARTER TORE THE HEAVY DOOR FROM ITS FASTENINGS-----



AND WALKED OUT INTO THE NIGHT, TOWARD THE DEATH-LIKE CREATURES HOVERING IN THE DARKNESS, WAITING FOR HIM.

COME, COME, WE HAVE AWAITED THEE!



MEANWHILE, RHODA HURRIED TO THE OTHER CABINS AND AROUSED THE MEN FROM THEIR SLUMBER----

CARTER'S GONE OFF AGAIN? HE MUST BE BALMY!

NO TIME TO ARGUE! HELP ME BRING HIM BACK!



WITH PRODIGIOUS STRIDES, LANCE CARTER ADVANCED TOWARD THE CREATURES OF DARKNESS, AND AS HE ENTERED THE FOREST, THEY GAVE GROUND, AND FINALLY REGROUPED IN THE FORM OF A SEMI-CIRCLE IN A JUNGLE GLADE.



THE YOUTH STOOD AS A FROZEN IMAGE AS THE TERRIBLE THINGS FROM THE HALF-WORLD SURROUNDED HIM. YOU ARE HERE AT LAST! THE LONG PERIOD OF WAITING IS OVER!



THEN, THE SUDDEN REALIZATION OF HIS PLIGHT SWEEPED OVER HIM! IN AN INSTANT THE HYPNOTIC SPELL WAS BROKEN, AND HE SANK TO THE SWORD, TREMBLING WITH TERROR.



SPARE ME, PLEASE! DON'T KILL ME; I CAN NOT HARM YOU! ARISE, WE CAN NOT HARM YOU! BEG YOU!

YOUR ENEMIES ARE COMING! THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE! ARISE! PREPARE TO DO BATTLE!



ONCE AGAIN THE TERRIBLE SPELL POSSESSED HIM. UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS MOVEMENTS, HE ROSE TO HIS FEET AND DID AS THE DEMONIAL CREATURES BADE HIM.



TAKE THIS SAPLING, QUICKLY! THE OTHER MEN WHO CAME WITH YOU ARE APPROACHING! KILL THEM!

HE CONCEALED HIMSELF BEHIND A CLUMP OF FOLIAGE AS RHODA AND HER COMPANIONS MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE FOREST.



WE'LL NEVER FIND HIM IN THIS DARKNESS!

WE'VE GOT TO TRY!

AS THEY ROUNDED A BEND IN THE TRAIL, THE YOUTH SPRANG FROM THE UNDERGROWTH AND FELLED THE LEAD MAN WITH A POWERFUL BLOW.



AAAGH! LANCE!

THEN, USING THE POINTED STAFF AS A PIKE, HE IMPALED THE TWO REMAINING MEN IN A GHASTLY FASHION.

AAAGH!



FOR A MOMENT, HE STOOD, IRRESOLUTE, GAZING AT THE LOVELY YOUNG GIRL---

LANCE, LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YOU'VE KILLED THEM!----- NO! DON'T COME NEAR ME, DON'T---

SHE IS ONE OF THEM! KILL HER! KILL HER!



LANCE CARTER TRIED DESPERATELY TO THROW OFF THE SPELL, BUT TO NO AVAIL! EVEN THE WOMAN HE LOVED WAS SACRIFICED TO THE LUST TO KILL---

NO LANCE, DON'T A GAG!



NOW DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU KILLED THEM? DO YOU KNOW WHY WE SUMMONED YOU HITHER?



I'M BEGINNING TO RE-MEMBER!

FOR YEARS I POSED AS ADMIRAL FATHERINGGEY, OF THE BRITISH NAVY; GUARDIAN OF THIS PROVINCE! BUT IT WAS MERELY A GUISE TO CONCEAL MY REAL IDENTITY! YES,

IT'S COMING BACK TO ME!



I REMEMBER NOW! I AM IMMORTAL! I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE THE DAWN OF HISTORY! MY FORMER SELF IS RETURNING! I KNOW WHO I AM!



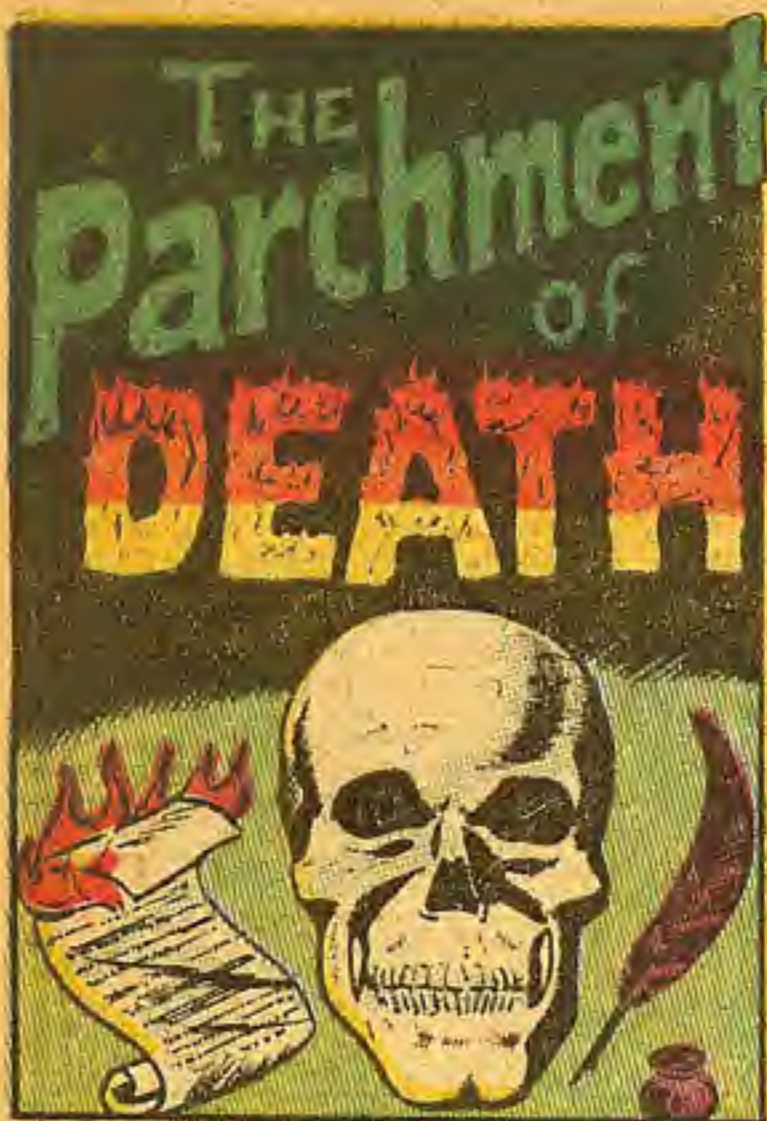
I AM ABDARKARAN, THE HAIRY KILLER BEAST! I AM YOUR LEADER! I HAVE BEEN AWAY FOR MANY MOONS, MY BROTHERS, BUT I HAVE RETURNED! I AM HOME AGAIN!



THE MOON SUDDENLY BURST FORTH IN ALL ITS BRILLIANCE AND SHONE DOWN UPON A SCENE AS OLD AS TIME ITSELF. THE GROUND TREMBLED TO THE STACCATO OF HAIRY FEET AS THE TERRIBLE ORGY OF SATANIC DANCING BEGAN. LANCE CARTER NO LONGER EXISTED, BUT THE TERRIBLE THING THAT HAD ONCE BEEN HIM, DID NOT CARE! THIS WAS HIS HOUR OF TRIUMPH; THIS WAS HIS HOMECOMING



THE END



WHILE INSPECTING THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF HIS LATE FATHER, GARY PETERS MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY.

THIS IS ODD! AN ANCIENT PARCHMENT WRITTEN IN A STRANGE SIGN LANGUAGE... I WONDER WHAT IT SAYS? HOW COULD IT HAVE GOTTEN HERE?

PLEASE MR. PETERS, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, DON'T READ THAT PARCHMENT!



OH, IT'S YOU PRENTICE,-- WELL, I COULDN'T READ THOSE STRANGE CHARACTERS EVEN IF I WANTED TO-- BUT HOW COULD READING THIS SHEEPSKIN ENDANGER MY LIFE, ANYWAY?

THREE OTHERS HAVE DIED FROM IT, AND YOUR FATHER RECEIVED IT UNDER THE MOST UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES!



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"FOLLOWING THAT, PROFESSOR ZORICK, THE SECOND SCIENTIST RECEIVED THE PARCHMENT AND HE TOO DIED.... YOUR FATHER FOUND IT IN HIS BED ROOM JUST LAST WEEK AND HE PERISHED AS HIS FRIENDS HAD, AFTER READING IT!"



THAT IS WHY YOU MUST NOT ATTEMPT TO LEARN THE MES- SAGE WRITTEN UPON IT, FOR YOU BEING THE SON OF ONE OF THE THREE, WILL ALSO DIE!

NONSENSE, PRENTICE, BESIDES, I'M ONLY AN ADOPTED SON, DAD TOLD ME THAT. BUT IN ANY CASE, I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS TO DR. GRAY, A CHEMIST WHO WAS DAD'S CLOSE FRIEND PERHAPS HE CAN DECIPHER IT!



LATER... DR. GRAY, SINCE YOU AND MY FATHER WERE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, I WON- DER IF YOU WOULD TAKE THE TIME TO DECIPHER THE WRITINGS ON THIS PARCHMENT, WHICH BELONGED TO HIM!

OF COURSE, LAD. YES YOUR FATHER AND I WERE GOOD FRIENDS I WAS WITH HIM ON HIS EXPLOR- ATION TO TIBET... NOW LET ME SEE...



SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT, AND A GHOSTLY SCREAM, AS THE OLD CHEMIST WAS CONSUMED IN A SHEET OF FLAME.

HE'S DEAD...BURNED TO DEATH, AND THE PARCHMENT IS DES- TROYED. COULD IT BE THAT THE CURSE CAME TRUE, OR DID THE CHEMICAL FUME'S IGNITE THE PARCH- MENT? NO, IT COULDN'T BE THE CURSE... I'M STILL ALIVE... BUT IS THAT BECAUSE I WAS ONLY AN ADOPTED SON?...IF ONLY I COULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT WAS WRITTEN ON IT, THEN I WOULD KNOW THE ANSWER. BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW. I'LL NEVER KNOW... NEVER NEVER NEVER



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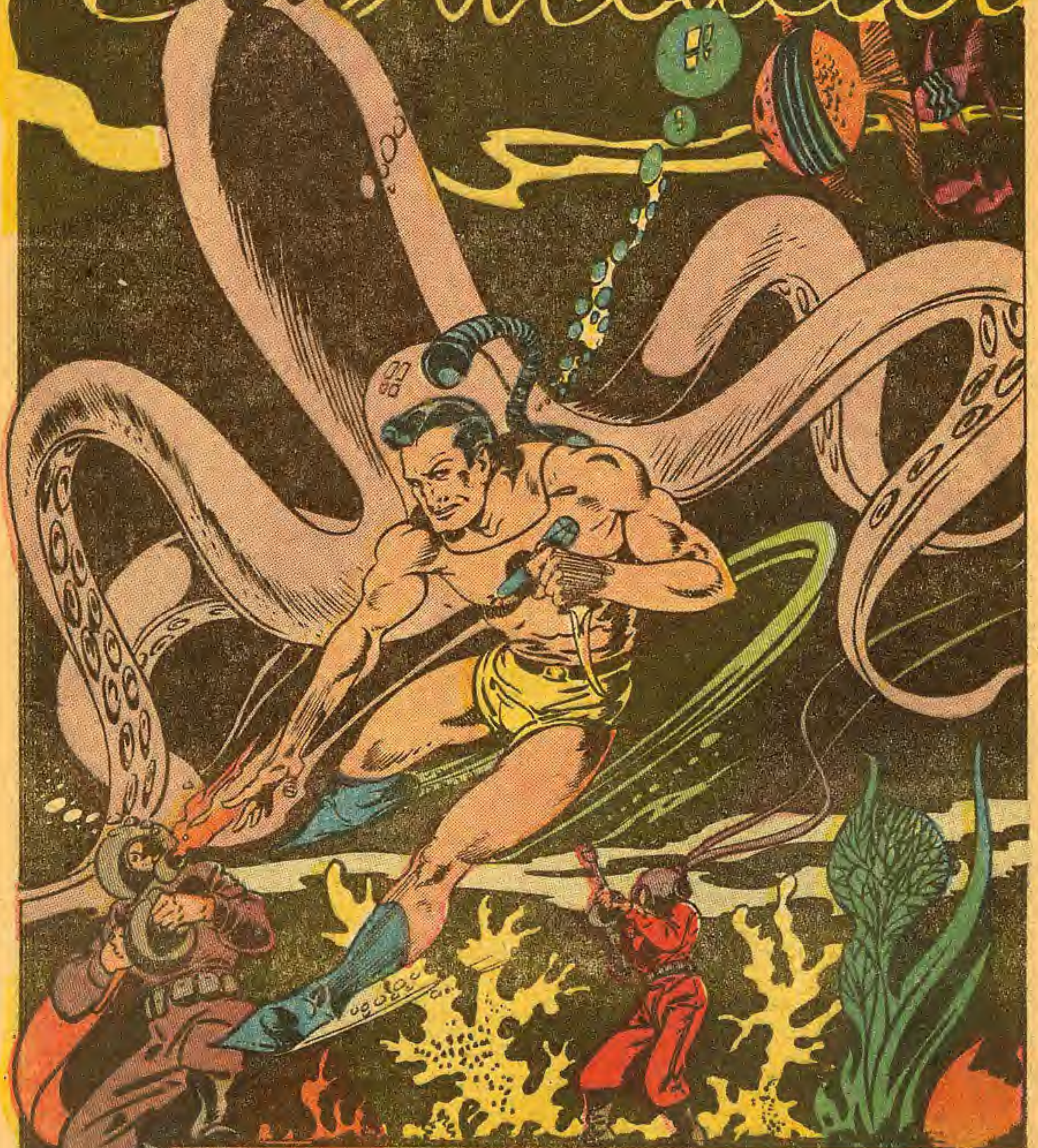
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GHOSTLY Sea Monster



ALL LEGENDS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME HAVE HAD TALES OF SEA MONSTERS! WISE MEN POO-POO THESE STORIES... SO DID TORPEDOMAN, TILL THE DAY HE FACED THE OCTUPUS... BUT EVEN THEN, HE WONDERED.....

THE PLACE... CALIFORNIA!
THE LOCALE... A BEACH!
THE OCCUPATION... FISHING!

THIS IS
THE
LIFE...

SEÑOR... IT IS NOT
MY BUSINESS...
BUT....

WHAT'S NOT
YOUR BUSINESS,
SALVADOR?

THIS PART OF THE SEA,
SEÑOR, IT IS BAD... I
WOULD NOT
CARE TO
FISH...

WHAT... WHAT
DO YOU MEAN,
SALVADOR?

DO NOT TO SAY I HAVE
NOT WARNED THE SEÑOR!
THERE IS AN EVIL
THING IN THIS WATER
... **BLACK... DEADLY...
EVIL...**

NOW WHAT IN
THE WORLD IS
ALL THIS ABOUT?

ALL LAZINESS GONE, DON
HEADS FOR....

OF COURSE IT'S NONE OF MY
BUSINESS, BUT **TORPEDOMAN**
MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN
EVIL UNDER THE SEA!

IT'S DON, WHO WALKS
INTO HIS CABIN... BUT...

ANYTHING THAT CAN
SCARE THAT TOUGH
LITTLE CHARACTER,
MUST BE ROUGH!
I BETTER TAKE A
LOOK SEE....

THE TINIEST TRAIL OF BUBBLES IS THE ONLY SIGN THAT TORPEDOMAN IS IN HIS ELEMENT...

HOURS PASS IN AIMLESS UNDER WATER SEARCHING...

THIS IS PROBABLY AS NUTTY AS A FRUIT CAKE, BUT IT'S WORTH TAKING A LOOK...

ISN'T THIS JUST DANDY? I COULD HAVE BEEN SOUND ASLEEP! SERVES ME RIGHT FOR LISTENING TO NONSENSE! ...WHAT THE...

WOW! THIS IS THE BIGGEST OCTUPUS EVER SPAWNED... A SEA MONSTER COME TO LIFE OUT OF THE OLD STORIES! HOLY SEA COW!!

FAR ABOVE, ON THE SURFACE OF THE SEA...

TRIPSET, C'MERE... I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS...

YER GETTING AS NOIVOUS AS AN OLD LADY... WHAT NOW?

LOOK'A ON DE TUBE... SEE DAT LITTLE SPOT?

Y'MEAN DE ONE NEAR DE OCTUPUSSY? YARE, WHAT ABOUT IT?

Y'BETTER TELL THE BOSS ABOUT IT... I DON'T LIKE IT, SEE...

MR. FOWLER, YER NOIVOUS WRECK UP HERE WANTS YA TO SEE SOMETHIN'...

COMING!

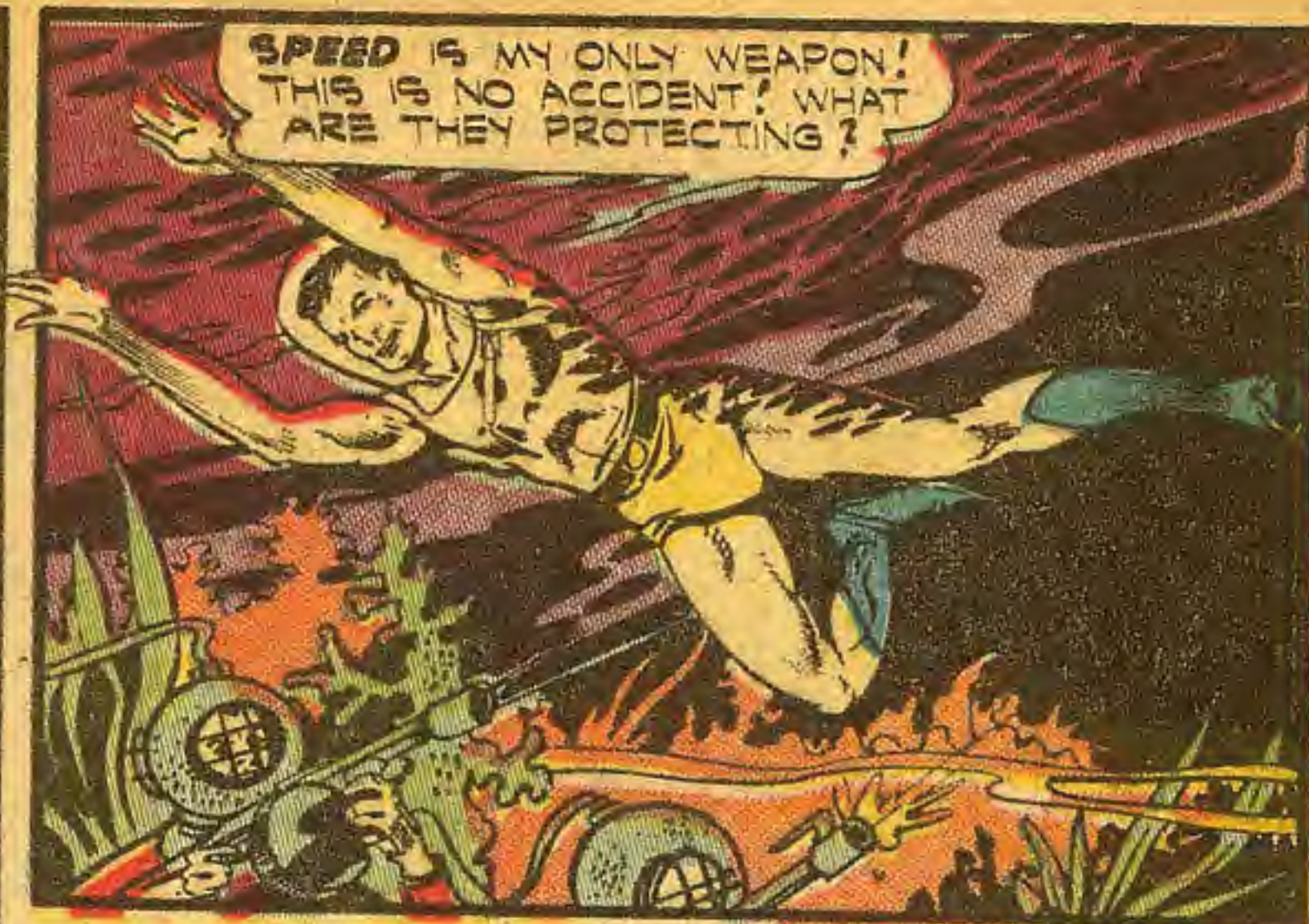


5 SURGING POWER SHOOTS THROUGH THE JET MECHANISM OF TORPEDOMAN'S OUTFIT...

MEN!! THEY ARE A WORSE MENACE THAN ANY OCTOPUS OR SHARK THAT EVER SWAM...



SPEED IS MY ONLY WEAPON! THIS IS NO ACCIDENT! WHAT ARE THEY PROTECTING?



I MUST HAVE OUTDISTANCED THE RANGE OF THOSE... AUGH... MY NECK...



GOT HIM!! WE'LL TAKE HIM TOP SIDE AND FIND OUT WHAT GIVES!



WE GOT HIM, BOSS... AND WE'RE BRINGING HIM UP...



WHAT HAPPENED?

HE HAD A KNIFE ABOUT TWO INCHES AWAY FROM OSCAR! WE GOT HIM IN TIME! BUT WHO IS HE, BOSS?



IS TORPEDOMAN TO BE FINALLY UNMASKED?

I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF SOME FOOL CALLED TORPEDOMAN WHO THINKS HE CAN UNDO ALL THE INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD... THIS MAY BE HE...



THAT DRUG WILL WEAR OFF ANY MINUTE AND WE CAN QUESTION HIM...

WILL IS THE WRONG WORD! HAS...



DISCRETION WOULD BE THE BETTER PART OF VALOR AT THE MOMENT... I'LL BE BACK, KIDDIES...

SHOOT HIM, YOU FOOLS... IF HE KNOWS WHAT'S UP...



GA-U-G-H... GET HIM... HE CAN'T GET AWAY OR...

OR WHAT, I WONDER?



MOCKING SPLASH...

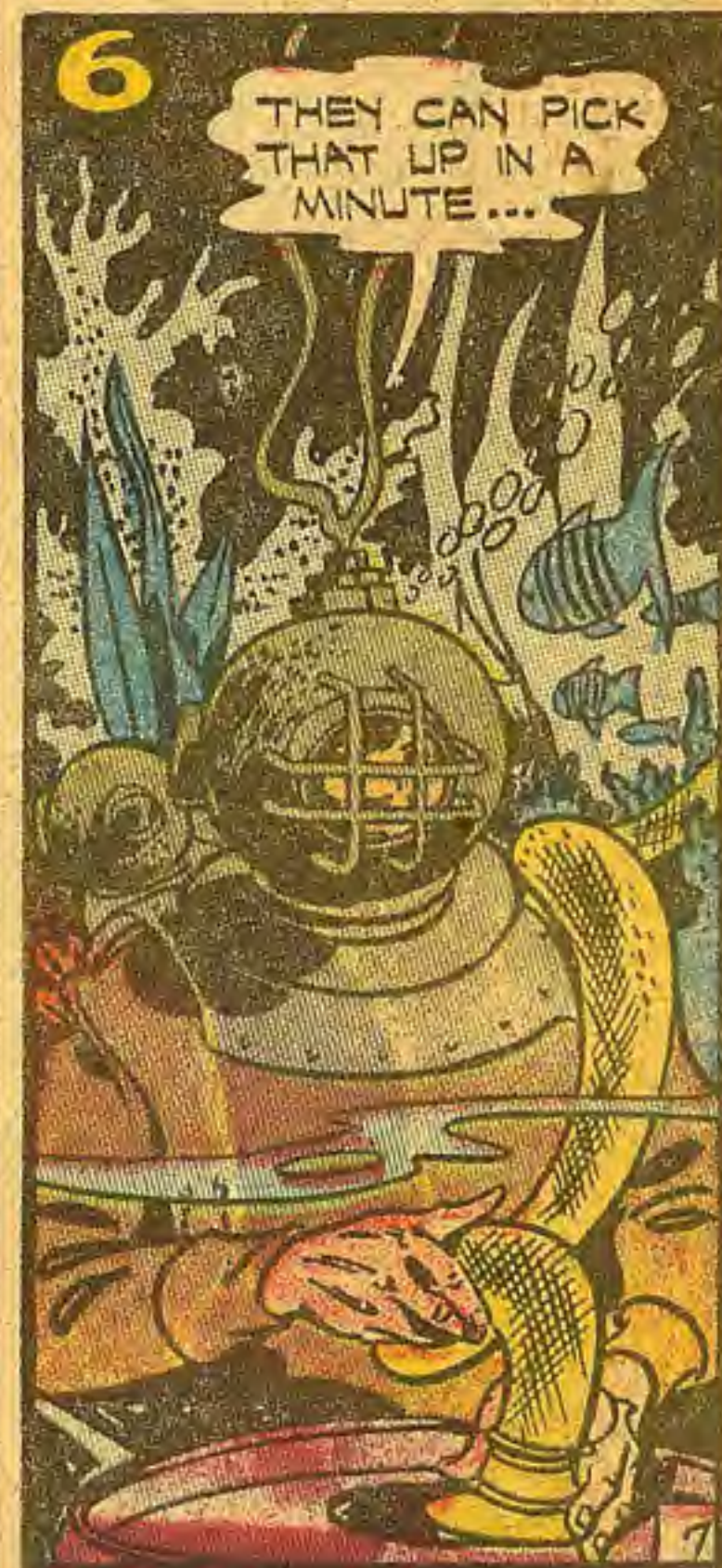
GET HIM...!!

YOU TRY IT, BOSS! HE'S GONE!

THIS IS AS CONFUSING A SET-UP AS I'VE EVER STUCK MY WET NOSE INTO... WHAT THE... WHAT IS THIS BLACK STUFF?



LATER...



BROODING OVER THE SCENE LIKE AN ANCIENT WATCHMAN....



TAKE IT AWAY...WONDER HOW LONG WE'RE GONNA RISK WORKING HERE... AND WHERE'S THAT GUY IN THE FUNNY DIVING SUIT...?



IS IF IN ANSWER TO THE UNSPOKEN QUESTION....



MY WILD GUESS WAS RIGHT! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TAKE A HAND...

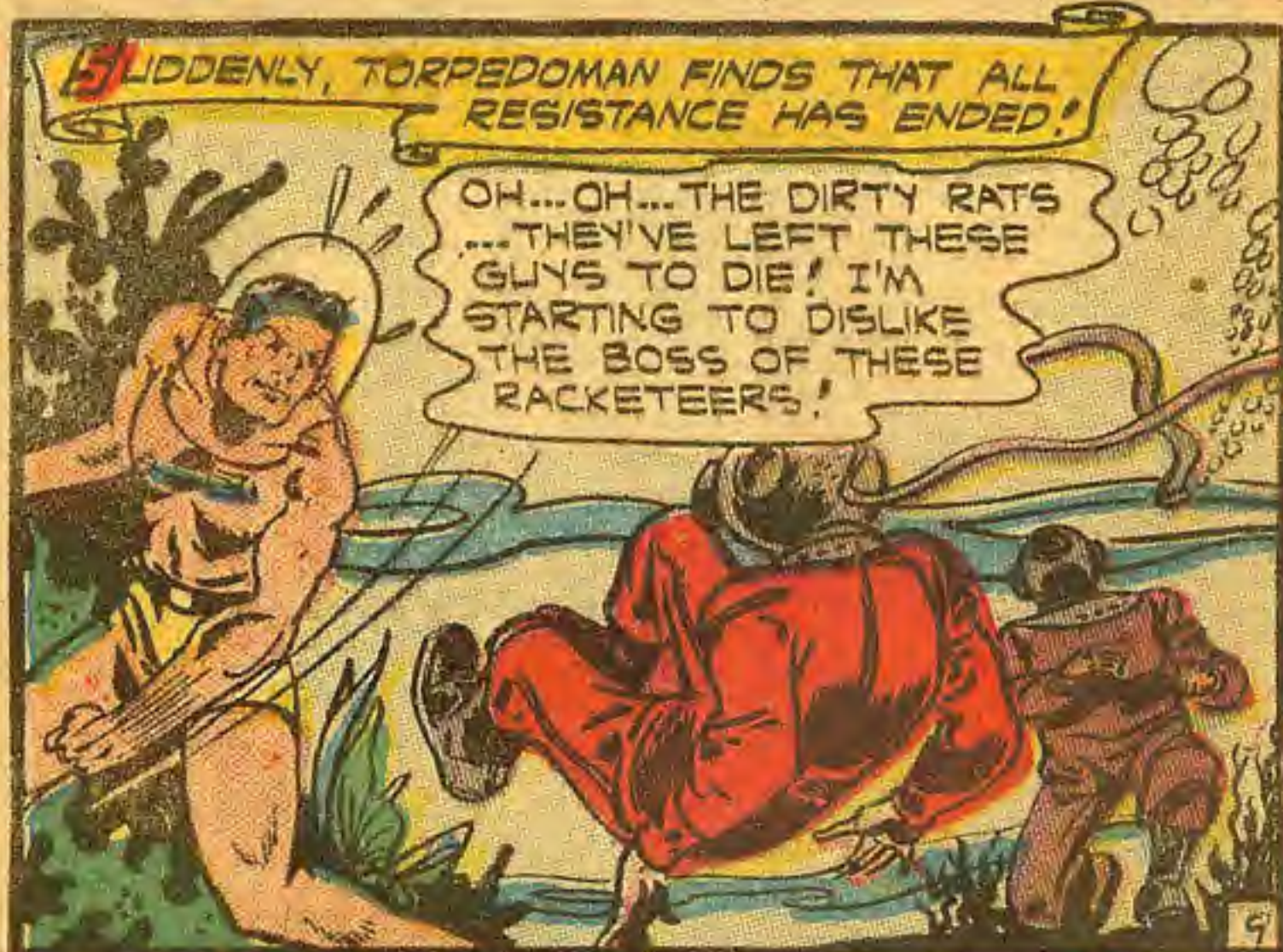


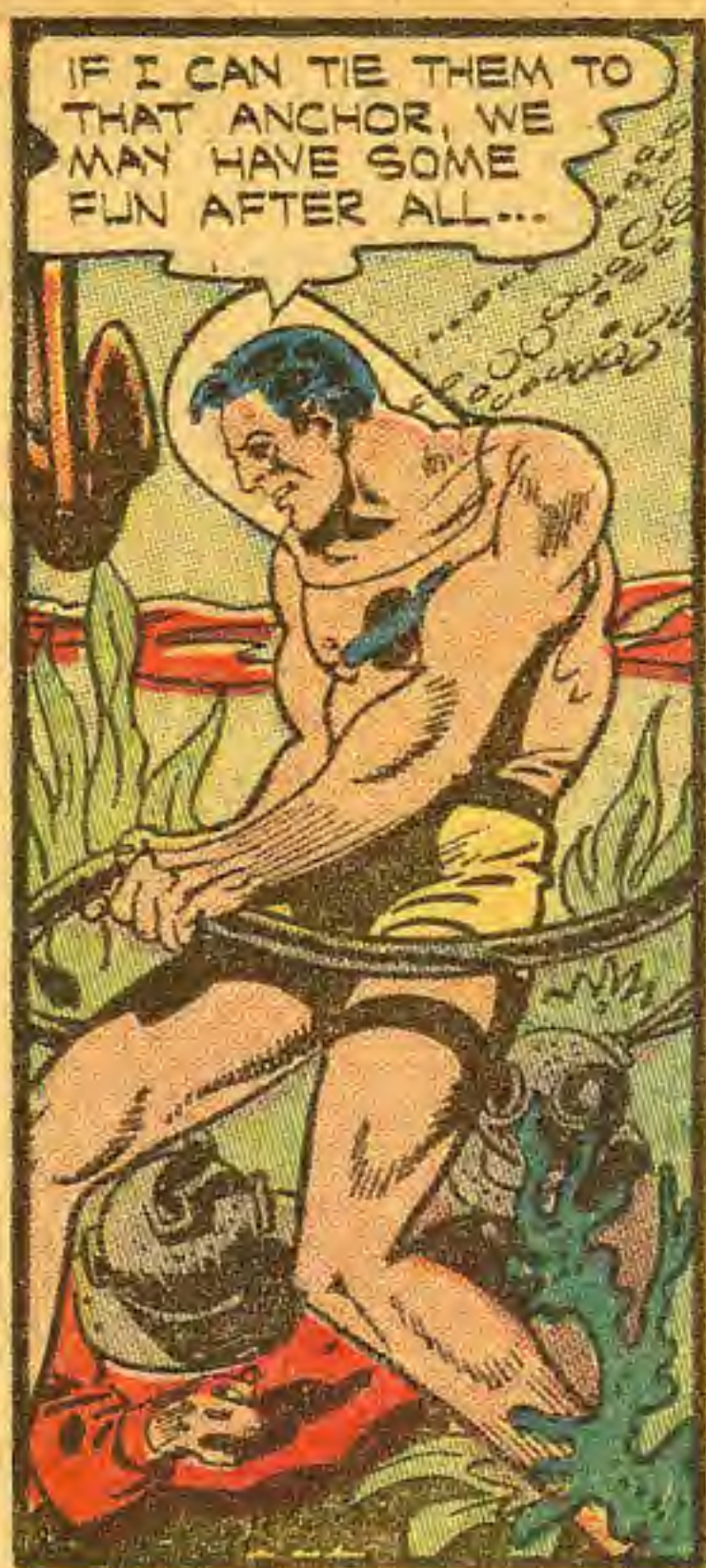
NO... IT CAN'T BE....



WELL...THIS WILL BE PRACTICALLY AN EVEN FIGHT...NO GUNS... AND THE ODDS ARE ONLY TEN TO ONE!







A THIEF

BUCK RAYMOND sat straight in the saddle. His horse, matching the color of the dust cloud kicked up by hoof beats made at an easy gallop, fought the check reins that were bringing the animal to a stop before the Redeye Bank. Buck swung casually to the ground and looped the reins about the hitching rail. Then he brought his hands slowly and easily down to his six-guns, held dangling at each hip by crossed ammunition belts.

Buck was tall, broad of shoulder and narrow at the waist, over six feet of lithe muscle, bone-hard. His stride was long and he moved purposefully. A loungee saw him entering the bank and the loungee's jaw dropped in surprise, mixed with a generous show of fear. Buck passed inside the wooden building without even a nod of recognition.

The big sun-bronzed rider strode to the brass barred cage, where a lean teller with a hawk-like expression looked up from counting the stack of bills before him. When the teller's narrow eyes saw the man before him he swallowed hard, as if his throat might be dry. Fearful recognition made the bankman's thin hands tremble. Buck's voice was brittle and hard when he spoke.

"Shove yore hands up high, Farnsworth," he said.

Farnsworth, the teller, cracked, "Raymond!" in a startled whisper.

"You didn't exactly expect tuh see me, did

yuh, Farnsworth?" Buck Raymond said. "Especially seein' there's a reward a-waitin' for the one as turns me in fer robbin' this here bank two week ago!"

The teller's hands stayed obediently above his head. His eyes turned helplessly from right to left and seemed to want to turn about completely as if to look through the back of his head.

"Tain't no use looking about fer somebody tuh warn, Farnsworth," Buck told the other. "I picked this here time when Owen Riley an' yore bookkeeper would be off tuh lunch. That story of yourn tuh the sheriff tipped me off as tuh the best time tuh come here!"

"I don't understand," replied Farnsworth dryly. "How did I tip you off? It's the same time you came . . . before."

Buck Raymond laughed. "Look, pal, we're alone here, you an' me, so there ain't no use tuh play stupid. Yuh know yuh never was held up no other time but this, not by me."

Farnsworth's face was drawn, its pale texture a shade whiter. "It was somebody looked exactly like you," he replied. "I could have made a mistake, I suppose. But I swear, even now, the bandit was your spitting image."

"Save yore breath," said Buck Raymond.

"What are you going to do?"

Raymond laughed. "First I'm goin' tuh have yuh write Owen a short note, which I will put intuh words. Git yore pen. An' remember I will

read what yuh write after it's done, so don't try writin' somethin' else than I tells yuh to."

Nervously Farnsworth took a pen from the stand-up counter top and reached for a sheet of plain paper. "Very well," he said with a trembling voice.

Buck Raymond began to dictate in a firm level tone. Mr. Riley," Buck said and Farnsworth wrote. This bank was robbed this noon by Buck Raymond. He is taking me as hostage to insure his own safety. Send the law after me and he will kill me."

"Sign yore name tuh that," said Buck. "Then git yore hands back up in the air."

"Look, Buck, Farnsworth began, "can't we talk this over? It's possible, of course, I could have mistook someone else for you! Wait for Mr. Riley. I'll explain to him."

"Sign yore name tuh that note, Buck demanded. He raised the barrel of his gun an inch to aim at Farnsworth's forehead, between the eyes. Farnsworth scratched his name shakily across the bottom of the note.

"Good," said Raymond. "Now open the vault. The big 'un in back of the bank."

Without a word of protest Farnsworth, now thoroughly scared, left the cage and, under the steady aim of Raymond's gun, went straight to the huge vault and began to work the lock. The door swung open. Buck Raymond said, "Step inside and hand out the money."

The great piles of money lay on the floor at Raymond's feet. He looked down and grinned. "Thanks," he said. "And so long, Farnsworth."

The bank teller gasped. "You don't mean you're going to . . ."

"Yup," said Buck. "I'm a-goin' tuh lock yuh in the vault. Owen Riley an' th' others won't open this here vault till closin' time. By then

yuh'll be out-a yore troubles. Yuh'll smother ruh death inside there within a couple of hours. They won't suspect yo're in there account of the note yuh jest lefr 'em!"

Perspiration poured down Farnsworth's face. His skin took on a greenish hue. His lips looked almost blue there in the dim recesses of the bank.

"I'll . . . I'll make a deal," he said tremblingly. "I can make it worth your while to let me go!"

Buck Raymond's eyes opened a bit wider. "Yuh can?"

Farnsworth was on his knees, hitching himself forward toward the bandit. "Please," he said in a husky, fear-ridden voice, "I can really make it worth your while! Because . . . The robbery I accused YOU of I did myself! We can make a partnership! You take that money and I'll show you where the money I stole is hidden!" The teller licked lips that were dry, almost withering. "What do you say?"

Raymond turned his face to the rear door that stood open. "What do YOU say, sheriff? Yuh think it's a good deal?"

Farnsworth cried out. "No! I've been tricked! You've FRAMED me!"

"Yeah," said Raymond. "It takes a little rattin' tuh catch a rat. When I see the surprised look on that 'un outside the bank when he sees me enter, I knowed he'd run plumb straight fer the sheriff."

"It was a nice piece of work, Buck," the sheriff said, entering. "I heered it all. One thing Farnsworth didn't calculate on. Call an honest man a thief, an' he's shore gonna take it tuh heart." The sheriff stepped forward, grabbing Farnsworth, while a deputy tied the teller's hands behind his back. "Even eff'n he has tuh rob a bank tuh prove he's innercent!"

GHOSTLY ACT..

SADIE KRUM WAS THE IDEAL LITTLE CITIZEN. THERE WASN'T LOVE ENOUGH IN HER FOR HER POOR INVALID MOTHER WHOM SHE ADORED.

SADIE, PLEASE COME BACK. I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOU!

SHUT UP YOU OLD HAG. IT'S ABOUT TIME I LEFT. YOU'VE BEEN CUTTING DOWN MY SPEED. FROM NOW ON IT'S MINK AND ERMINE FOR ME --- AND NO FILTHY SINK!



SADIE TRIED HER LUCK IN THE BIG TOWN AND IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE SHE MET SOME GENTLEMEN OF NATIONAL REPUTE. THAT IS, THEY HAD THEIR PICTURES POSTED IN EVERY POLICE STATION IN THE COUNTRY.



SOON SADIE WAS WEARING THE MINK AND ERMINE SHE HAD DREAMED OF, PLUS A FEW VALUABLE TRINKETS HER ACQUAINTANCES HAD PICKED UP.



IN TIME SHE LEARNED THE TECHNIQUE OF REMOVING EXCESS PROFITS FROM HUGE CORPORATIONS.



UNTIL ONE DAY...

THE ALARM WENT OFF!

LET'S BEAT IT!



BUT UNFORTUNATELY SOME MEN WITH BLUE UNIFORMS ARRIVED, AND SADIE, ALONG WITH HER FRIENDS, WAS GIVEN A FREE RIDE UP THE RIVER.



ALRIGHT SISTER. INTO THE WAGON WITH YOU!

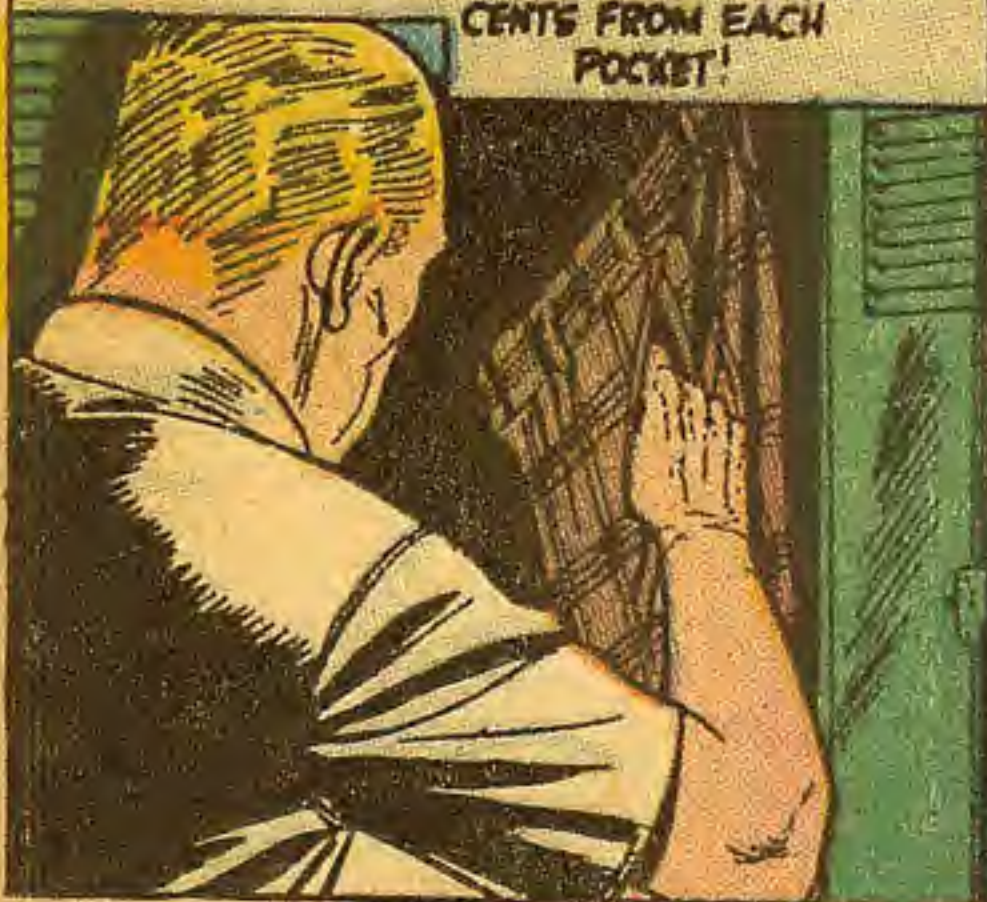
IT IS INDEED FUNNY THE WAY THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND. FOR ONCE, AGAIN POOR SADIE KRUM IS BACK AT HER "FILTHY SINK" AND FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS HAS TO WAIT FOR HER ERMINE, IF NOT FOREVER. SOMETIMES ONE WONDERS WHAT SADIE THINKS OF HER MOTHER, HERSELF, AND HER DISHPAN HANDS.



THE END

WEIRD TRAP..

ONCE A THIEF WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE IN "KILLING THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGGS" THOUGHT HE HAD A FOOL-PROOF SCHEME! EACH DAY HE WOULD GO THROUGH THE LOCKERS OF CITY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES, CAREFUL TO TAKE ONLY A FEW CENTS FROM EACH POCKET!



IN THIS WAY HE FIGURED THAT HIS PILFERING WOULD ESCAPE UNNOTICED, AND THAT HE WOULD THUS BE ABLE TO CONTINUE "MILKING" THE LOCKER ROOM INDEFINITELY!



EVENTUALLY, A YOUNG INTERN DISCOVERED THE SYSTEMATIC DISAPPEARANCE OF HIS SMALL CHANGE, AND CHECKING WITH HIS COLLEAGUES FOUND THAT THEY HAD SUSPECTED THE SAME THING WITH THEIR MONEY!



AT FIRST... THE DOCTORS DISMISSED THE LOSS OF A COUPLE OF PENNIES... BUT IN FIGURING THE TOTAL LOSS AVERAGED ON THEIR OWN SHORTAGES, THEY ARRIVED AT THE PHENOMENAL FIGURE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH...



THE YOUNG INTERN DECIDED TO SET A TRAP FOR THE THIEF! HE HAD HIS WIFE SEW AN OIL-SKIN LINING INTO THE POCKET IN WHICH HE NORMALLY KEPT HIS LOOSE CHANGE...



...AND THEN THE NEXT MORNING HE SPRINKLED THE CONTENTS OF THAT POCKET LIBERALLY WITH A POWDER HE HAD OFTEN USED IN TUBERCULOSIS TESTS!



THAT POWDER HAD PECULIAR CHEMICAL PROPERTIES! WHILE DRY IT REMAINS COLORLESS... BUT LET IT BECOME WET... EVEN FROM NORMAL PERSPIRATION... AND IT TURNS A BRIGHT RED! THE THIEF WAS CAUGHT LITERALLY RED-HANDED!



THE END

Beauty Writer Tells How To CLEAR UP PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS BY SATURDAY NIGHT*

Skin Specialists Report On Amazing New Medical Discovery For Pimples, Blackheads, Whiteheads And Other Blemishes! *By Starting Seven Days Beforehand You May Have a Clear Blemish-Free Complexion For Saturday Night Or Your Money Back!

By Jennifer Turner

Here is the most exciting news you've ever read if you're embarrassed by pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. No longer need anybody miss out on fun and excitement... romance... popularity... dates... even social and business success... because their faces are clouded by blemishes.



Medical science has made amazing advances during the past years. It has found out how to cure many of our most serious diseases. Now there is a new discovery that clears up pimples, blackheads and other blemishes... even in cases where everything else has failed.

Any doctor will tell you that to be clear and blemish-free, the skin on your face must be free from germs and dirt. But today's air is full of soot and fine dust particles that settle on your face and get into your open pores. These impurities can make your pores larger. Blackheads begin to form. When these become infected you suffer the embarrassment of pimples and other blemishes and neglecting your face. Doing nothing about these conditions, only makes your skin troubles worse.

Now, thanks to a scientist's remarkable discovery, you can end forever your embarrassment of an ugly, blemish



A NEW FACE FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY
Don't be embarrassed by an unattractive complexion when medical science has now perfected an amazing new way to "deactivate" pimples and blackheads. **Read this carefully!**

marked face and restore the confidence you have when your complexion is clear. The name of this discovery is Clorpectin WCS-50. They use it in hospitals to clear up blemishes. All you do is rub the solution on your face. Where you have blemishes, spots, lines or shadows, rub a little harder. As you apply the clear solution to your face it immediately starts to penetrate through your tiny skin openings. You feel nothing except a cool, pleasant sensation. No messy cream... no thick pastes... nothing unpleasant of any kind. The solution actually seeps down inside your pores, no matter how caked and clogged they are. It helps loosen the dirt, the powder, the soot that has collected. Gently it helps tighten your pores. This starts to slowly force out the matter collected there. What's more, as soon as you apply the solution to your face it instantly kills every trace of skin bacteria and germs on the surface. Even more important, as it seeps down into your pores it also kills germs and bacteria *underneath your skin surface*. If you have pimples it destroys the germs inside that keep them alive so the pimples can dry up.

Any complexion marred by blemishes caused by germs and bacteria must be helped. Teenagers who have tried everything for pimples will see their faces start to clear within 5 days. Hospital tests have proved that blackheads, pimples, and acne which responded to no other treatment cleared up after CLEAROXIN was used. After you've applied the CLEAROXIN solution, dry your face. You'll feel a pleasant, cool, tingling sensation for a few minutes as the solution works. Then apply the remarkable flesh colored medicated cream that comes with it. It protects your skin between applications of the solution. It destroys germs... prevents more germs

from doing damage. Unlike most creams that permit your blemishes, shadows, dark spots to show through, this cream covers them completely. It blends perfectly with skin tones. Your embarrassment and humiliation stop instantly when you apply it.

You can go to work... to a dance... a date... with new self confidence. And while the cream is concealing your blemishes... remember, the CLEAROXIN solution works underneath and your pimples, blackheads and other blemishes start to clear up within 5 days. In 7 days they should be gone completely. This simple, easy, pleasant treatment once a day of the CLEAROXIN solution plus the cream has worked for so many other people, it stands to reason it will work for you. The solution has already been written up in medical journals.

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AND IN BOSTON, FEDERAL MEN CLOSE IN ON THE HIDEOUT OF TONY GOLDONI...

CAREFUL, MEN, THIS GUY IS A KILLER! DON'T SHOOT FIRST... BUT DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

TONY HAS BEEN KEEPING ONE JUMP AHEAD OF US FOR A LONG TIME, BUT THIS IS IT!

GOT YOU, CHIEF!

MEN! AFTER TONY! PLEASE DON'T SHOOT! I GIVE UP!

HUH? F.B.I.

TAKE IT EASY, CHUM, AND YOU WON'T GET HURT. WE WANT TONY GOLDONI!

BREAK THE DOOR DOWN. MUST BE IN THERE!

OKAY, BOYS! DON'T GET NERVOUS. I'LL GO QUIETLY. ONLY DON'T HURT ME.

YOU COWARD! WHY DON'T YOU BLAST THEM?

NOW YOU'RE BEING SMART, TONY. JUST COME ALONG!

YOU, TOO, MILLIE. THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO TALK TO YOU AS WELL AS TONY.



AND SOON, IN A FEDERAL COURT...

I ONLY REGRET, TONY GOLDONI, THAT I CAN'T GIVE YOU A STIFF SENTENCE! BUT THIS IS ONE TIME WHEN AMERICAN JUSTICE HAS GIVEN YOU A BREAK. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC EVIDENCE, THEREFORE, I CAN ONLY ORDER YOU TO BE DEPORTED.

HAH... CAN'T PROVE A THING, AND WHO CARES ABOUT BEING DEPORTED.

OKAY, SO DEPORT ME. YA CAN'T MAKE IT STICK. I'LL BE BACK WHEN I GET GOOD AND READY, SEE? YOU GOT ME NOW, BUT THERE'LL COME A TIME WHEN I'LL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH ON YOU BUMS.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DUE FOR A LONG VACATION IN THE OLD COUNTRY, TONY.

HUH... THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK. HOPE THE BOYS ARE READY TO PULL THE JOB.

GOOD THING. WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN AMERICA.

WE'LL BE UNDERWAY IN A FEW MINUTES.

SUDDENLY...

GAAAAA...

HE-HE'S GETTING AWAY! AHHH... GOT ME.

GOOD! THE BOYS ARE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! TRY TO DEPORT ME, WILL THEY... I'LL SHOW 'EM.

AND LATER, ON TONY'S YACHT...

YOU KNOW THE COURSE, DON'T YA? LET'S GET STARTED. WE'VE GOT TO GET OUTSIDE THE TWELVE MILE LIMIT, BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT BOATS GET ON OUR TAIL.

GEE, TONY, YOU SURE ARE A SLICK OPERATOR.

HURRY UP, BOSS!

HOW ABOUT LETTING US IN ON THE DEAL, BOSS? WHERE'RE WE HEADING? WE BEEN AT SEA FOR A WEEK NOW AND YOU AIN'T TALKED NONE.

OKAY, YOU LUGS, I'LL LET YOU IN ON IT. WE'RE HEADED FOR AFRICA, THE IVORY COAST, LIKE IT SAYS IN BOOKS! I'M GONNA BE A PIONEER. OUGHT TO BE PLENTY OF RACKETS IN A COUNTRY LIKE THAT. I'LL BE A REAL KING.

GET HIM, WILL YOU. A KING!

HUH! AFRICA! WHERE ALL THOSE CANNIBALS ARE?

THERE SHE IS, OUR NEW HOME! WE'LL MAKE CHUMPS OUT OF THEM POOR BOOBS OF SAVAGES. TAKE 'EM FOR EVERYTHING THEY GOT!

SURE HOPE IT WORKS OUT LIKE YOU SAY, TONY.

I DUNNO! I ALWAYS HEARD THAT NATIVES WERE PLENTY TOUGH.

AND NEXT DAY...

LOOK, TONY, SOME OF THE NATIVES COMING DOWN TO MEET US!

WHAT YA GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT? THINK I CAN'T HANDLE THESE DUMB SAVAGES?

WE GREET YOU, STRANGERS. ME, OGANI! SPEAK LITTLE ENGLISH. ME GO ALONGSIDE MISSION SCHOOL. LEARN. MAKE STRANGERS WELCOME. MAYBE CAN DO TRADE?

HAH... HE THINKS HE CAN SPEAK ENGLISH! GOOD ENOUGH. MAKE 'EM EASIER TO HANDLE. AND NOW I'LL START MAKING HIM UNDERSTAND WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE.

SURE, WE DO PLENTY OF TRADING. YOU GOT PLENTY GOLD AND IVORY AROUND HERE. I WANT IT, SEE? AND I WANT PLENTY OF MEN TO WORK, TOO. YOU GONNA BUILD US HOUSES RIGHT HERE ON THE BEACH. MAYBE I'LL PAY YOU A LITTLE IF I LIKE THE WAY YOU TAKE ORDERS!

SURE HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YER DOING.

BUT AFTER, THE SIMPLE NATIVES, ONLY HALF UNDERSTANDING THE GANGSTER'S WORDS, HAVE FULFILLED THEIR PART OF THE BARGAIN...

WE DO LIKE YOU SAY, BWANA! MANY TUSKS OF ELEPHANT BEAST. BRING ALSO MUCH OF THE YELLOW DIRT. NOW WISH PAY FOR SAME. NEED SHARP BLADES, MAYBE ALSO LOOK-SEE GLASS...

GAA... THE MANY-TONGUED FIRE STICK SLAYS ME!

HAH... YOU WANT PAY, DO YOU? OKAY, CHUMP. HERE IT IS. LOTS OF NICE LEAD COINS! BUT HEH-HEH... I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SPEND 'EM.

AIEEE... THEY KILL US ALL!

WE DID WRONG TO TRUST THE WICKED ONES.

DON'T KILL 'EM ALL. WE NEED THE OTHERS TO WORK FOR US.

ABOUT TIME TO TEACH THESE BOOBS A LESSON. I WOULDN'T GIVE THEM THE STUFF IF I HAD IT... WHY SPOIL 'EM?

AND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS...

YOU'RE SMART, HONEY! MAKING THEM WORK AND BUILD US HUTS. I WAS GETTING AWFULLY TIRED LIVING ON THE BOAT.

YEAH... THEY BETTER WORK HARD! I GOT EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL AND PRETTY SOON WE'LL BE MAKING MORE DOUGH THAN WE EVER DID IN THE STATES. AND WE GOT THE YACHT TO SHIP THE STUFF TO MARKET.

THIS IS A REAL NICE HOUSE, DEARIE! HAH-HAH. NO HOUSING SHORTAGE HERE IN THE JUNGLE.

YEAH... I GOT THE WORLD BY THE EARS! AND THOSE FOOLS THOUGHT THEY HURT ME WHEN THEY DEPORTED ME... I OUGHTA WRITE 'EM A NOTE OF THANKS!



BUT THAT NIGHT IN THE FAR DEPTHS OF THE JUNGLE...

I, TONAKA, WILL LEAD YOU AGAINST THESE WHITE SAVAGES WHO HAVE COME TO OUR LAND AND WHO SLAY MANY OF OUR PEOPLE! ARE YOU WARRIORS, OR WEAK OLD WOMEN?

AIEEE... THEY HAVE MANY DEADLY FIRE-STICKS, MY PRINCESS.

IT IS SO! WE DARE NOT ATTACK, LEST WE ALL BE SLAIN!

WAA... SHE IS VERY ANGRY WITH US!

CRAVENS! WILL YOU JOIN ME IF I GET AID? I WILL GO TO OUR FRIENDS, THE GREAT APES, AND ASK THEM TO BE OUR ALLIES IN THIS BATTLE. PERHAPS YOU WILL FIND YOUR COURAGE WHILE I AM GONE.

AWAIT MY RETURN AND GATHER YOUR WEAPONS TOGETHER. FOR THOUGH I TAUNT YOU TO FIGHT, I KNOW TRULY NO SON OF THE JUNGLE WOULD STAND ASIDE AND LET SUCH STRANGERS FIND POWER AMONGST US!

SELDOM DO I RISK TRAVELING ALONE MIDST THE JUNGLE TERRORS, BUT THIS IS A CAUSE DEMANDING ALL EFFORT I CAN PUT FORTH!

AND SOON, TONAKA IS SPEAKING WITH THE GREAT APES...

GOOD! THEY UNDERSTAND THE STICK TALK! AND KUNAK, THE LEADER, SAYS THAT THEY WILL HELP US DRIVE THE WICKED ONES AWAY FROM OUR JUNGLE. NOW PERHAPS MY WARRIORS WILL TAKE HEART.

THE NEXT DAY... YOU DID WELL, MY PRINCESS, WITH THE HAIRY ONES TO AID US. WE WILL FIGHT WELL!

THEY HAVE BRAINS, THESE BEASTS. THEY KNOW THAT WHICH IS EVIL FOR US IS EVIL FOR THEM ALSO. SOON WE WILL HAVE PEACE IN THE JUNGLE AGAIN.

SUDDENLY, A HAIRY FIST REACHES OUT AND...

NAGGGGGGG...

HEY! A FUNNY THING, BUT I DON'T FEEL GOOD LIKE SOMETHING IS GONNA HAPPEN PRETTY SOON. SOMETHING BAD. AW, I'M JUST JUMPY! WHAT COULD HAPPEN? MUST BE GETTING NERVOUS FROM THIS BLASTED JUNGLE!

COME, FRIEND. I HAVE THE COURAGE I NEED, BUT I WISH I COULD BOAST OF YOUR STRENGTH!

HO... EVERYTHING GOES WELL. BUT ONE GUARD AND HE IS SLAIN. THESE FOOLS FEEL THEMSELVES TO BE SAFE, AND SO DO NOT KEEP VIGILANT WATCH. FOR WHICH THEY WILL PAY DEARLY VERY SOON.

HAH... THEY DO NOT SUSPECT THAT DEATH STALKS THEM EVEN NOW. INSTEAD THEY MAKE LOVE-EYES TO EACH OTHER. THEIR HEARTS ARE EVIL INDEED, THAT THEY CAN ACT SO AFTER KILLING SO MANY OF MY PEOPLE. BUT THE DEBT WILL SOON BE PAID.



HE'S NEARBY. THE APE WARRIORS GO INTO ACTION...

NOOO... GET AWAY! DON'T! HELP! CAN'T STOP HIM WITH MY BULLETS! HE-HE'LL K-KILL ME... KEEP AWAY, YOU BABOON! HELP!

HUH! SNEAKED UP ON US. BUT COME ON, MILLIE, WE'LL GET AWAY! WE'LL BE SAFE ON THE BOAT.

SURE... LET THE REST OF THE BOYS TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.



YIII... LOOKIT! GORILLAS! AFTER US!

YOW... NOT THE SAME KIND OF GORILLAS WE BEEN USED TO, BUT BULLETS WILL KILL 'EM.



AIEEE... YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE ME, KILLER MAN. MY BLADE SEEKS VENGEANCE!



OH... THE FIRE-STICK BURNS MY SHOULDER. NOW THE EVIL ONES WILL ESCAPE TO KILL AGAIN.

THOUGHT YOU HAD ME, HUH? BUT I'M STILL TOUGH FOR ANY JUNGLE GIRL TO CATCH.

COME ON, TONY!

YEAH. I'M WITH YOU! ONLY IT'S BEGINNIN' TO MAKE ME MAD! COURTS ORDER ME OUT OF ONE COUNTRY AND A PACK OF APES, LED BY A FEMALE, THINK THEY CAN OUTWIT ME IN THIS PLACE! I'LL SHOW 'EM! I'LL SHOW THE WHOLE WORLD!



FIRST YOU STOP TO MAKE A SPEECH, AND THEN YOU KNOCK ME DOWN TO GET TO THE BOAT FIRST! A FINE GENT YOU'D MAKE!

SAVE YOUR BREATH, KID! THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO EXIT FROM FAST!

BLAZES! THEY'VE SMASHED THE BOAT. WE'LL HAVE TO SWIM FOR IT, MILLIE. C'MON.

TONY! LOOK! THE YACHT IS MOVING! THEY'RE SCARED... AND LEAVING US HERE TO DIE.

THAT'S ONLY HALF OF IT! LOOK UP THERE! LET'S THROW OURSELVES AT THEIR MERCY!

YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT! I GOT MY PLANS!

GOODBYE, YOU LITTLE FOOL! EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF. I GOTTA GET TO THAT YACHT BEFORE IT GETS UP FULL SPEED.

NO... WAIT! WAIT FOR ME, YOU PHONY!

HELP ME, TONY! CAN'T SWIM ANY LONGER! TONY! DON'T LET ME DROWN! YOU...

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BUT MINUTES LATER...

NO! HEY, YOU CHISELERS! TIRED OUT! I'LL D-DROWN! AHHHHHHHHH... GASP... DON'T LEAVE... BLUB...

WE'RE GOIN' BACK TO THE STATES AND GIVE OURSELVES UP, TONY! YOUR GAME DON'T WORK! WE SEE OUR MISTAKE NOW FOR LISTENIN' TO YOU, BUT WE'RE GONNA MAKE UP FOR IT!

WHERE THEY CAME FROM, WE DO NOT KNOW, BUT THEY WILL RETURN NO MORE! NEVER WILL THE JUNGLE GIVE WELCOME TO SUCH AS THOSE.

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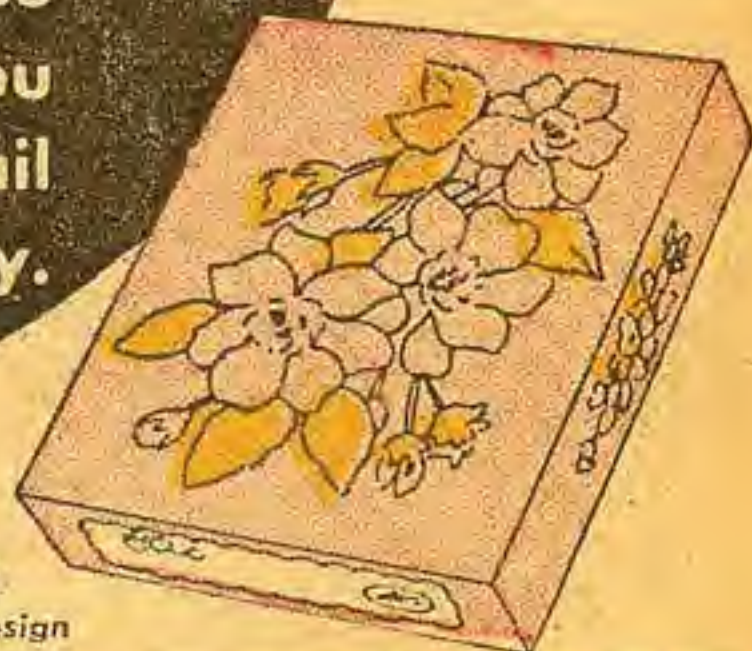
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